# CITY OF CORVALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2013/14





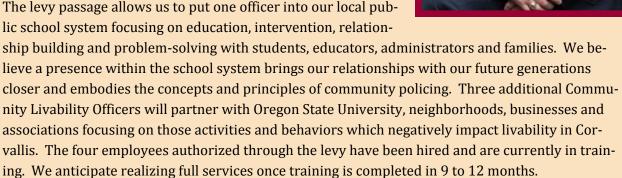
Our Fundamental Duty is to Serve our Community!

# A Message from the Chief...

I'm always surprised at how quickly each year passes. This year as I look back in review, much has been accomplished.

We are sincerely appreciative to all Corvallis for passage of the local option levy entrusting us with additional staff to work with the 509J School District through the School Resource Officer Program and closer with our neighborhoods via Community Livability Officers.

The levy passage allows us to put one officer into our local public school system focusing on education, intervention, relation-



Relative to livability, this past year we enhanced a number of local Ordinances aligning the fine structures with State Statutes, updated our Special Response Notice Ordinance to include enhanced accountability for multiple responses to the same location and created an electronic automated notification tool for property managers and owners who will receive notification of a police response to one of their properties the following morning. We are impressed with the feedback and participation and are already seeing success with these new initiatives resulting in fewer livability calls for service this first year alone and we anticipate this trend to continue through the FY 14/15 year.

Come December of 2014, we will voluntarily undergo a comprehensive on-site inspection by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), who will be examining our adherence to policies, procedures and operations. The goals of CALEA are to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination and increase community and staff confidence in the agency. The Corvallis Police Department has been consistently Nationally Accredited since 1995 and we look forward to this year's inspection.

In closing I'd like to thank the members "Friends of the Corvallis Police", the Corvallis Community Policing Forum and the Corvallis Citizen's Review Board for your investment in the Police Department ensuring we are meeting the needs of Corvallis and serving at the highest possible level. It's an honor and a privilege to serve with you.

Chief Jonathan M. Sassaman



#### **New School Resource Officer (SRO)**



In November 2013, residents of Corvallis passed an operating levy to provide additional funding to the Corvallis Police Department. Residents expressed their desire for the police department to expand services to the community through a school resource officer and officers dedicated to reducing community livability issues.

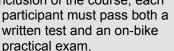
We have been working closely with the 509J Corvallis School District over the past several months to identify a police officer to serve as the SRO and develop a comprehensive and effective SRO Program. Officer Karin Stauder, a 22 year veteran of the Corvallis Police Department, and former School Resource Officer, has been selected to serve our community as an SRO. Officer Stauder brings a wealth of subject matter knowledge and experience working with Corvallis youth.

Through the SRO Program, we will work in collaboration with the School District to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff. The SRO will strive to project a positive image of law enforcement and be a resource to all students and staff while helping deter crime and educate students on laws in our community. Criminal incidents on school property requiring enforcement action or investigation will be handled by Officer Stauder or referred to the appropriate police division, Benton County Juvenile Department or appropriate social service agency.

The SRO Program will include crime prevention, education and intervention, and will create and maintain effective working relationships with the community, school district personnel, other law enforcement agencies, juvenile agencies and social service agencies. Additionally, Officer Stauder will participate in student Support Team meetings, which support delinquency prevention, with the 509J high and middle schools.

#### **International Police Mountain Biking Association Training**

In July 2014, the Corvallis Police Department once again taught a Basic Police Mountain Bike Operation class at the Law Enforcement Center. This class is a nationally recognized course supported by the International Police Mountain Biking Association (IPMBA), and Lt. Jef Van Arsdall and Officer Ryan Larson are both certified instructors. Each course is a 32 hour session with both classroom and in the field training modules. The classroom modules range from fundamental riding skills, bicycle maintenance, patrol procedures and tactics to basic nutrition and physical fitness. Each day the class also goes on several challenging rides. The rides are used to gauge physical fitness, teach basic bike handling techniques and improve rider confidence in both slow speed environments (parades, large crowds, etc) and riding on the roadway. Officers also learn to navigate up and down stairs and how to use the bike for self defense. At the conclusion of the course, each







The Corvallis Police Department has hosted and instructed ten IPMBA course since 2006, training over 80 officers, troopers, deputies and agents. These law enforcement personnel represent agencies from Albany, Oregon State Department of Public Safety, Coos Bay, Seaside, Washington County Sheriffs Office, Oregon State Police, Salem, Sweet Home, Woodburn as well as members of the Corvallis Police Department.

#### Traffic Tickets going electronic in Corvallis

In 2013, the Police Department applied for and received grant funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to help purchase the necessary computer



hardware and software to move to an electronic

citation process. New tablets now replace the mobile computer systems in patrol vehicles, and officers have been trained and are writing traffic tickets electronically. Information from the citations is automatically uploaded to both the Police Department and Municipal Court databases, allowing the citation information to be immediately available to the court, reducing errors, and saving both time and money on data entry redundancy. Additionally, reducing time needed on stops can increase officer time for preventative patrol.

# Do you own or manage a rental property in Corvallis?



If so you may be interested to know that in July the Corvallis Police Department implemented the Automated Police Response Notification System. As a property owner or manager, you can sign up to receive an email notification when a Corvallis Police officer responds to a residence you own or manage and issues a Special Response Notice. You will also receive an email notification if your property is designated as a "Chronic Nuisance Property." Through July 1, 2015, this service is free. Additionally, information on issued SRNs is posted weekly on the Department's Facebook page. To sign up please contact: dave.henslee@corvallisoregon.gov.

#### E-file Your Police Report with CopLogic:

Did you know that you could report your bicycle theft on-line? Or maybe there's an abandoned vehicle on your street? These things and more can be reported via the CopLogic e-filing system.

**So, why e-file?** Since implementing CopLogic in late 2009, 2,813 reports have been filed by members of this community. E-filing means you can file your



report at your convenience, any time, day or night in English or Spanish. There is also the added benefit of receiving a free electronic copy of the report once it has been accepted and approved by Police Department staff. For the Department, the savings in officer time is

substantial - an estimated \$140,650 over the past 5 years



What types of events can I report electronically? Basically, property crimes with no named suspect (vehicle break-ins, bike thefts, vandalism, hit and run, lost property). You can also report abandoned vehicles and bicycles. We **cannot** accept burglaries (property stolen from your residence or business) or credit card/

check fraud cases as these types of offense frequently require follow-up investigation necessitating an officer's involvement.

#### Police K-9 Xar Retires After Nine Years of Service



After serving the Corvallis community for nine years, Police Service K-9 Xar retired in July. Xar joined the Corvallis Police Department in 2005 after he was arrived in the United States from Slovakia. Xar was a "titled" or pre-trained dog and was assigned to his handler, Lieutenant Jason Harvey. Lieutenant Harvey and Xar attended a basic K-9 handler course together and completed it in September of 2005. Xar passed the Oregon Police Canine Association performance standards prior to completing the basic handler course and was able to start working on patrol immediately. Xar was trained in suspect apprehension, tracking, trailing,

area searching, building searching and

evidence recovery.

During Xar's career with the Police Department he was deployed 427 times and was responsible for the capture of 80 suspects. Xar was also involved in nu-

merous community presentations and special events. His friendly disposi-

tion and love of people allowed him to interact very well with community members.

While serving as the Corvallis Police Department patrol K-9 Xar participated annually in the

Springfield Police Department K-9 Competition. This event showcases the dog and han-

dler's skills in scenarios they are likely to encounter on patrol. This event involved K-9 handlers and their partners from all over the state of Oregon. Xar and Lieuten-

ant Harvey participated in this event eight years and received the "Top Dog" award in five of those years. He is the only Oregon K-9 to receive this award more than

twice.

On July 28, 2014, at 10 years of age,

Xar was retired from service and was recognized for his service in a retirement ceremony at the Police Department and Xar is now enjoying retirement with Lieutenant Harvey and his family at his residence. He receives daily walks and spends lots of time playing in the backyard with his favorite toys. He seems to have adjusted well to retirement although he will always miss serving the community.

The Corvallis Police Department has recently selected Officer Jeremy Parrish to be the next patrol K-9 handler. He traveled to California in

September, 2014 to be paired with his new K-9 partner. Officer Parrish selected "Bolt" as his K-9 partner and the team passed required certifications and are now on duty.

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#### **2014 Life Saving Award Recipient**



On April 29, 2014, City of Corvallis Police Officer Setzer responded to a report of a female in labor during a time when all other city resources were allocated to a house

fire. After the mother gave birth, the newborn was not breathing and did not have a heartbeat. Officer Setzer assisted a member of the Corvallis Fire Department by performing chest compressions for three to five minutes until other medical personnel arrived. The newborn ultimately began to breathe regularly and gained a heart rhythm.

#### **2013 Distinguished Service Metal Recipients**

On January 15, 2014, City of Corvallis Police Officers John Stenger and Richard Brenner responded to a report of a possibly suicidal man climbing over the guard rail of the Van Buren Bridge. The man was perched on a small ledge over thirty feet above the rock covered river bank. Officers Stenger and Brenner quickly took control of the man's arms to keep him from falling, or jumping, from the bridge. As the man struggled to free himself from the officers, he significantly increased the danger to himself and the officers. The officers were able to overcome the resistance of the man and pulled him back over the guard rail to the



safety of the bridge. The decisive actions and exceptional performance of the officers resulted in saving the life of the suicidal man.

## Corvallis Regional Communications Center Receives Critical Incident Award



Corvallis Regional Communications Center staff received the Oregon APCO/NENA "Critical Incident Award" in October, 2013, for their excellent work coordinating multiple jurisdiction responses to a major event occurring in 2012 which resulted in two law enforcement officers and the suspect sustaining gunshot wounds. Due to the extraordinary efforts of the CRCC staff in conjunction with five law enforcement agencies and three other dispatch centers, all involved survived.

### Corvallis Police Cadets Win Law Enforcement Challenge Awards

On August 8-11, 2013 the Corvallis Police Cadets competed at the annual Oregon Law Enforcement Challenge. They competed against 200 cadets from 16 law enforcement agen-



cies throughout Oregon and Washington. Corvallis Ca-



dets won 1st and 3rd place in Impaired Driver Investigation; 2nd Place Team Marksmen Shooter; and 3rd place in both Domestic Violence Investigation and Building Searches.

### **New Hires**

#### **Police Officers:**



**Trevor Anderson** 



**Stephen Foster** 



**Justin Hageman** 



**Evan Hull** 



**Dale Raybould** 



Lyssa Richmond



**Derrick Samuels** 



**Luke Thomas** 



Joshua Zessin



**Parking Enforcement Emily Schroff** 



**Records Specialist Stefanie Nash** 



#### **Promotions**



Lieutenant Jef Van Arsdall has over 18 years law enforcement experience as a police officer, training officer, and sergeant. Jef is also a survival

skills instructor and a nationally certified police bicycle instructor with the International Police Mountain Biking Association. Jef is the Day Shift Lieutenant responsible for two patrol teams, traffic team, parking enforcement and Animal Control.



Lieutenant Jason Harvev started his career as a police cadet, and has 17 years of full time law

enforcement experience. He has served a training officer, firearms instructor, deputy medical examiner, detective, K-9 handler and sergeant. Jason is assigned as the Night Shift Patrol Lieutenant in the Community Services Division.

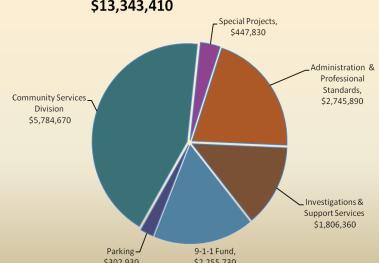
Sergeant Dan Duncan began his career with the Department in 2000. He has held the



positions of Patrol Officer, Police Training Officer and Acting in Capacity Sergeant. Dan also served as a bicycle officer, Armorer, Firearms Instructor and Taser Instructor. Dan holds the DPSST Advanced certificate.

	2012	2013	% Change	
Public Safety Dispatches	37,556	41,504	+1.87%	
Total 9-1-1 Center Calls	137,573	139,779	+1.60%	
Police Units Dispatched	53,026	49,178	-7.26%	
Major Felonies	2,165	1,954	-9.75%	
Incidents Investigated	26,998	27,477	+1.77%	
Traffic Violations Cited	5,604	5,490	-2.03%	
Traffic Crashes	362	315	-12.98%	
Crashes at Top 10 Locations	22	27	+22.73%	
Parking Citations	18,243	17,283	-5.26%	

#### FY 13-14 Adopted Operating Budget -\$13,343,410



#### **Resource Directory**

Police-Fire-Medical Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency	541-766-6911
General Information (M-F 8am- 5pm)	541-766-6924
Office of the Chief	541-766-6925
Animal Control	541-766-6924
Detectives	541-766-6975
Parking Enforcement	541-766-6924
Cadet Program	541-766-6578
Records (M-F 8am- 5pm)	541-766-6924
Auxiliary Volunteers/Crime Prevention	541-766-6863
E-mail addressPolice@d	corvallisoregon.gov
Website addresswww.c	corvallisoregon.gov
Street address180 NW 5th St., 0	Corvallis, OR 97330
Mailing address P.O. Box 1083, Corvall	lis, OR 97339-1083

#### **2013 Citizen-Reported Incidents**

In 2013 Corvallis Police Officers responded to 27,477 citizen-reported incidents. The following table depicts selected types of reported crimes. Crimes occurring on the Oregon State University Campus are not included.

Offense Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Aggravated Assault	39	37	45	48	43
Arson	8	24	13	19	9
Burglary, Commercial	101	55	70	86	64
Burglary, Residential	172	162	226	196	148
Disorderly Conduct	279	317	295	335	308
Drug Offenses	192	239	229	227	193
DUII	144	147	140	161	116
Forgery/Fraud	182	191	200	220	210
Juvenile Curfew	10	18	12	14	2
Kidnapping	11	7	6	2	5
Larceny	1636	1393	1665	1721	1613
Liquor Law Offenses	446	467	538	445	542
Motor Vehicle Theft	69	55	57	54	54
Murder/Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1
Offenses Against Family	23	26	20	16	18
Other Assault	381	359	320	354	347
Prostitution	6	2	0	3	9
Rape	9	12	14	17	7
Robbery	22	18	18	23	15
Runaway Juvenile	147	136	108	55	71
Sex Offenses	68	76	72	51	52
Trespass/Prowler (1)	789	606	761	751	648
Vandalism (2)	1092	858	1038	947	739
Weapons Laws	45	39	39	39	28
TOTAL	5855	5236	5880	5785	5242

- (1) Trespass/Prowler includes Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle
- (2) Vandalism includes Criminal Mischief

Note: Attempted crime is reported as completed crime (e.g. Attempted Murder)

